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Title : ROTOR BLADE SYSTEM WITH :
REDUCED BLADE-VORTEX
INTERACTION NOISE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicants, by the undersigned attorney hereby provide a Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced patent application. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to a Substantive Official Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Please enter the following Amendment:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper which are formal drawings for the above-referenced patent application where the application as filed included pencil drawings. The Replacement Sheets for the drawings are identical to the informal drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An Appendix including 23 replacement drawing sheets is attached after
page 5 of this paper.